



**Woodside Baptist Church
Spring Lane, London, SE25
Annual Report and Accounts
2022**

(Charity Reg. No. 1130792)

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1. Statutory Information

Charity Name

Woodside Baptist Church

Registered Address

Spring Lane, London, SE25 4SP

Charity registration number

1130792

Trustees (during 2022)

Reverend Steve Calder (Senior Minister)

Robert Newson (Treasurer)

Neil Scarse (Secretary)

Ruth Newson (Safeguarding Deacon)

Moses Kajubi (Property Deacon)

Thelma Newton (Pastoral Deacon)

Karina Henry (Communications Deacon)

Trustees at report approval

Reverend Steve Calder (Senior Minister)

Robert Newson (Treasurer)

Neil Scarse (Secretary)

Ruth Newson (Safeguarding Deacon)

Moses Kajubi (Property Deacon)

Jo Scarse (Children & Youth Deacon)

Karina Henry (Communications Deacon)

Property Trustees

London Baptist Property Board

235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc, 1 High Street, Croydon, CR9 1PD

Virgin Money plc, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE3 4PL

Independent Examiner

Mr Paul Bradbury

2. Structure, Governance & Management

a) Charitable Object

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Governing Document

The church is governed by an Approved Governing Document which is a public document and the legal basis on which we function as a registered charity.

Vision Statement

God has called us to be a worshipping and praying community, committed to taking Christ into all the world, and seeking to encourage a response of committed discipleship.

Church Covenant

Depending day by day on the loving kindness of our Lord Jesus, we commit ourselves to building a community of love, accepting one another as He has accepted us, and putting the needs of others before our own. We will seek to express the unity of the Holy Spirit through being at peace with each other; to encourage one another in following Jesus; and to comfort and help one another in times of difficulty.

We will support and pray for the Pastor, leaders and officers of the Church. As we are able, and in co-operation with the church leaders, we will contribute to the life of the church in prayer; through regular participation in worship together; in offering ourselves in service; and in financial support for all aspects of the church's ministry.

Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will seek in word and deed to share the gospel with our families and others, through our own personal witness; by sharing in the outreach activities of the church; by the instruction of our children and young people; and in our support for mission here and overseas.

Doctrinal Statement

The following statements of belief express those doctrines which we believe to be supremely important.

1. The Divine Inspiration Authority and Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as not only containing but being in themselves the Word of God and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit in order to gain a true and spiritual understanding of it.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the Divine Co-equality of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall.
4. The true and proper Godhead of our Lord Jesus Christ. His real and perfect manhood. His work of atonement for sinners of mankind. His resurrection and ascension and His present priestly intercession for His people at the Right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith through the atoning merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The necessity of the Work of the Holy Spirit in Regeneration Conversion and Sanctification also in ministry and worship.
7. The immortality of the soul, the Resurrection of the body, the Judgement of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.
8. The Divine institution of the Christian Ministry and the obligation and perpetuity of the ordinances of Believers' Baptism (by immersion) and the Lord's Supper.

b) Organisational Structure

Charity Trustees

In accordance with the Constitution the Members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members) are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

Church Membership

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ. At the end of 2022 there were 87 members on the members list.

Relationships with other Organisations

The church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the London Baptist Association, Christians Together in South Norwood and Croydon Citizens

c) Safeguarding

Policies

The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability. Any concerns raised are reported and investigated. The church practices safe recruitment by ensuring that all employees and volunteers are provided with appropriate training, support and supervision. DBS checks for all volunteers are reviewed regularly and kept up to date.

The Trustees produce and the Members approve a set of policies which are used in the day-to-day governance of the church. Policies provide guidance on matters such as Child Protection, Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Disability, and Equal Opportunities.

Risk Assessments

Risk Assessments have been produced, and are regularly reviewed, for matters of Finance, Health & Safety, and Youth & Children's work. Risk Assessments are also produced, where appropriate, for one-off events or activities.

Training

At the end of 2022 a First Aid course and Level 2 Safeguarding training were held at the church

d) Decision Making

Trustees

The trustees were able to meet face-to-face again, eleven times during 2022, with a further two away-day events.

Church Business Meetings / Special Church Business Meetings

The church meeting is an integral part of the way the church functions. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

During 2022 the church was able to meet together for four church business meetings, one of which was the AGM.

3. Objectives & Activities

Objectives

The main purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education, community service and other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The main activities are normally:

- Sunday worship – at 11am

- Sunday Club – a place for children to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Christian faith through fun activities.
- Communion of the Lord's Supper – once per month, during the morning service,
- Home Groups – for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members and in the church lounge.
- Boys' & Girls' Brigades – meet on Monday evenings to provide children from the local community with a place to enjoy fun activities and to experience the love of Jesus Christ and learn more about Him.
- Parents' & Toddlers' Group – meets on Friday morning, providing a safe and fun environment for children and a place of relaxation and companionship for the parents.
- Monday Fellowship – meets once a month to provide the over 55s with a time of companionship, often accompanied by a guest speaker.
- N:GAGE Youth Club & Rooted: the youth club is open to all young people aged 12 to 17 who are resident in the homes around the church, and beyond. Rooted meets on Sunday mornings and is a place where young people can learn more about Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith and lifestyle.
- Community Café on Tuesdays – open to the local community for coffee, cake, and a chat.
- Arts & Crafts – offers the chance to get involved in various artistic and craft-based activities in a relaxed environment with refreshments provided.
- Memory Café – an opportunity for those living with dementia and their carers to talk, share stories and get to know each other over drinks and snacks. On each occasion, there is a session of Singing for the Brain, in which people affected by dementia can sing a variety of songs that they know and love in a fun and friendly environment.

Public Benefit Statement

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church and local community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the local area.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Sunday Club, Boys' & Girls' Brigades & Youth Work.
- Use of buildings by community groups

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings.

4. Achievements & Performance

During 2022, we were able to fully restart our church activities after the COVID-19 pandemic, as all restrictions, including social distancing, were lifted. The Arts and Crafts group and the Memory Café were started out of a desire within the church community to find new and creative ways to connect with people and improve their sense of wellbeing.

Public Worship & Teaching

We continued to use our private Facebook account and zoom to allow those those unable to attend services in person an opportunity to engage with corporate worship and preaching.

The teaching in our Sunday services continued with monthly series on a variety of topics including "Women Jesus met", "The upside-down Kingdom", and "Growing in wisdom", and we continued to make transcripts of this available on our website.

Looking ahead to 2023 we aim to continue to offer a varied programme of teaching from both the Old and New Testaments, with an emphasis on applying the Bible to people's lived experience.

Local Mission & Community Outreach

The church's community and outreach programme also fully recommenced in 2022, after the ending of COVID restrictions.

During the period of social distancing, various community groups had requested short-term use of our premises and as things got back to normal, we as a church recognised that partnering with these groups could enable us to engage more effectively with local people. So, an NHS Pop-In, a Movement therapy group and a Kumon education centre were all confirmed as longer-term users of our building.

At the beginning of 2022, we also agreed for a local charity to start using one of our community buildings for a fortnightly Foodbank, which, because of the current economic issues, has been very well used. Later in 2022 we started a collection for the SNBC foodbank at their request.

Support of missionaries

As well as continuing our financial and prayer support to two missionary families now working in the UK, in 2022, the church developed a new missionary link with the JEM (YWAM) school and missionary training centre in Koutiala, Mali. Because our Thank Offering giving was sent to this project, it has enabled some major building work at the centre to commence, and we hope to offer ongoing support this work in the future.

Youth ministry

All our youth work, including Brigades was able to function in 2022. The N:Gage youth club continued to run with support from Play Place, a local youth charity, who provided youth worker support and volunteer training.

It is recognised that there is now a clear need to recruit a replacement youth worker, and it is intended to make this a priority next year.

Pastoral Care

During this year, our church pastor has worked with the Pastoral Deacon to ensure that those connected to our fellowship are effectively supported and encouraged in their Christian lives. As part of this ministry, a Pastoral Team has kept in regular contact with those who are unwell, housebound or in any other way needing extra support from the church.

As a church, we aimed to offer:

- visited those who are in hospital, unwell, or unable to attend church for other reasons;
- provide lifts to meetings and other church activities for several elderly folk;
- take folk to their clinics or to hospital when possible;
- arrange help with “simple jobs” in the house and garden where possible for those unable to tackle such things themselves;
- give basic support and encouragement for the bereaved within the fellowship;
- provide signing for the hearing impaired during morning services,
- send a birthday card to each person who often attended our church (approx 250 cards),
- ensure that any urgent needs of folk were brought to the attention of the whole church for prayer.

This ministry relies on many volunteers who give their time generously and the church acknowledges their selfless commitment.

Property maintenance

The Church is blessed with an extensive and useful set of buildings, on trust from the London Baptist Property Board. The main church building sits alongside two halls, several classrooms and a car park. In addition, the church has residential accommodation in the form of “The Manse”, “The Cottage” and “The Caretaker’s Flat” (formally used by the church caretaker).

In recent years the number of volunteers has decreased and the church has become increasingly reliant on external tradesman to perform repairs/installations, particularly those which involve electricity, gas or water.

Routine and statutory inspection of heaters, electrical appliances, fire extinguishers and similar equipment has been carried out and the necessary approvals/certificates obtained and filed.

5. Financial review**Financial Summary**

The financial aspects of the church are the responsibility of the Trustees but they are managed on a day-to-day basis by the Treasurer, the Finance Committee (who are responsible for reviewing the finances and suggesting matters of policy to the trustees), the Gift Aid Secretary, the Offering Counting Team, and the Treasurers for the auxiliary departments (Parents & Toddlers, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Young People's Group, Sunday Club).

The financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements, prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis. The main funds maintained are the General Fund, Mission Support Fund, Property Fund, and the departmental funds (Parents & Toddlers, etc).

The vast majority of the church's income is from donations given by the members and congregation. Other income is derived mainly from the rent for the Caretaker's Flat and Cottage, donations for use of our buildings, and tax recovered on gift-aided donations.

The main areas of expenditure are employment costs (Pastor & Cleaner), property utilities, maintenance costs, charitable donations & grants, and mission (evangelism/outreach/ministry/training).

At the end of 2022 the General Fund had a balance of £44,075; the balance at the start of 2022 was £30,612. With the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic, at the start of 2022 the church set a budget for the General Fund of £67,367, and the actual spend was £68,635 – the slight overspend was due to extra funds being transferred to reserve funds. The average weekly giving required to support the budget was £1,120 (after tax recoveries and other adjustments) and the actual average weekly income received was £1,424. The congregation gave generously and we received contributions from a greater use of our buildings by a variety of local community groups.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. With the uncertainty of the restrictions imposed regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, a basic budget was set. As the restrictions were fully lifted we were able to restart more activities with the budget revised as we did so.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. The largest grants were towards the support of the church's own missionaries who are supported through Operation Mobilisation and Ambassadors In Sport. In addition, donations were made to Woodside Bereavement Service and Open Doors. To replace our missionary with Glo Zambia it was decided to support the College Samuel in Mali with whom one of our deacons had previously worked.

We received a legacy in 2020 which was kept as a designated fund instead of being added to the General Fund. Part of this was used to replace the chairs in the main hall.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy which ensures a minimum balance of £11,370 in the General Fund. They are satisfied that the reserves are sufficient at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. A budget for 2023 was set to ensure a reserve of £24,000 at the end of the year.

In addition a Property Reserve, £27,602 at the Balance Sheet date, has been previously created from surplus funds (of the General Fund) in anticipation of unexpected and significant property repairs and maintenance in the future.

Volunteers

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives. No accounting for this time and effort has been included in the financial statements.

Funds held on behalf of other Organisations

None.

Pension Scheme Liability

The Church is an employer participating in the Baptist Pension Scheme (BPS) which is administered by the Baptist Pension Trust Ltd (the Pension Trustee; it is a separate legal entity and its assets are kept separate from all participating employers.

For service prior to 1 January 2012 benefits are provided through a Defined Benefit (DB) plan within the BPS. A formal value of the DB plan was performed at 31 December 2019 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method: the market value of the assets at the valuation was £298 million, but the valuation of the DB plan revealed a deficit of £18 million when comparing assets and liabilities (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). All participating employers are collectively responsible for funding the deficit. The next actuarial valuation of the DB Plan within the Scheme is due to take place no later than as at 31 December 2022

On 30th June 2022 the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just are now providing financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan and following this transaction, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. An updated Recovery plan was then signed in August 2022 under which recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reduced to £1 per month from August 2022.

The church has three members in the BPS DB plan one of whom is receiving a pension. The pension deficit liability shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities is calculated as £1 per month multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Schedule of Contributions until June 2026.

6. Plans for Future Periods

Looking ahead to 2023 we are planning to continue to provide a limited online service (via the church's private Facebook group and Zoom) for those members unable to get to the building. In our services we will continue with our varied diet of teaching from both the Old and New Testaments in monthly series with an emphasis on applying the Bible to people's lived experience.

Due to changes in funding, the partnership with Play Place who weekly support in running N:Gage, our weekly youth club, will come to an end at the end of March 2023. The church is therefore looking for another local youth charity to partner with and discussions are ongoing.

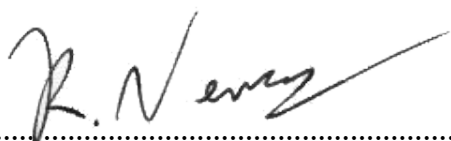
7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



..... Treasurer
Signed: Mr Robert Newson (Treasurer)



..... Senior Minister
Signed: Revd Steve Calder (Senior Minister)

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

8. Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Last</u> <u>Year</u> £
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Income:	Gift Aided Donations	34,385	860	12,729	-	47,974	39,288
	Offerings	30,736	2,200	884	-	33,820	22,139
	Donations	14,005	657	775	-	15,437	6,933
	Tax Recovered	4,078	30	1,363	-	5,471	8,445
Charitable Activities:	Fees & Contributions	-	2,267	3,224	-	5,491	2,407
	Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	679
Investment Income:	Rent Received	-	-	23,730	-	23,730	22,510
	Interest Received	132	-	-	-	132	66
Sub total		83,336	6,014	42,705	-	132,055	102,467
Asset and investment sales, etc		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		83,336	6,014	42,705	-	132,055	102,467
PAYMENTS							
Ministry:	Pastor Costs *	35,275	-	-	-	35,275	35,498
	(* including Er NI, Pension, Expenses)						
Mission:	Donations and Grants	-	3,054	15,374	-	18,428	16,651
	Evangelism & Youth	295	-	4,441	-	4,736	1,951
	Training	1,355	-	130	-	1,485	580
	Speakers	860	-	-	-	860	780
Establishment:	Refurbishment & Maintenance	-	-	31,373	-	31,373	20,858
	Cleaning & Caretaking	8,122	-	-	-	8,122	4,987
	Lighting & Heating	4,022	1,668	26	-	5,716	3,883
	Other Expenses	4,985	-	-	-	4,985	5,427
	Equipment	678	3,692	525	-	4,895	254
	Insurance	4,212	-	-	-	4,212	3,765
	Council Tax & Water	3,264	735	-	-	3,999	3,879
	Telephone & Internet	972	-	-	-	972	950
	Postage, Printing & Stationery	53	-	-	-	53	221
	Publicity	42	-	-	-	42	35
Sub total		64,135	9,149	51,869	-	125,153	99,719
Asset and investment purchases, etc		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		64,135	9,149	51,869	-	125,153	99,719
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		19,201	(3,135)	(9,164)	-	6,902	2,748
Transfers between funds		(5,739)	4,500	1,239	-	-	-
Cash funds @ 31/12/2021		30,612	42,150	30,058	-	102,820	100,072
Cash funds @ 31/12/2022		44,074	43,515	22,133	-	109,722	102,820

9. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Designated Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	36,448	9,405	13,723	-
Deposit Accounts	7,622	34,110	8,315	-
Cash	4	-	95	-
Total cash funds	44,074	43,515	22,133	-

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Designated Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £
Other monetary assets				
Tax reclaims due	10,238	331	2,541	

	<u>Fund to which asset belongs</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
Investment assets	None		

	<u>Fund to which asset belongs</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Main church buildings	-	3,491,297

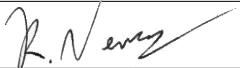
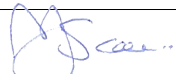
	<u>Fund to which liability belongs</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
Liabilities	Pension Deficit	-	42

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of approval

	Robert Newson	22/10/2023
	Neil Scarse	22/10/2023

10. Notes to the Accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

a) Summary of Movements by Fund

	<u>B/fwd</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>C/fwd</u>
		£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	30,612	83,336	(64,135)	(5,739)	44,074
Designated Funds					
Property Reserve	24,602	0	0	3,000	27,602
Legacies	12,410	657	(3,692)	0	9,375
AV/PA Equipment	4,762	0	0	1,500	6,262
Christmas Offering/Postbox	231	505	(289)	0	447
Church Running Costs	175	2,267	(2,403)	0	39
Harvest Offering	(30)	30	0	0	0
Thankoffering	0	2,555	(2,765)	0	(210)
Total	42,150	6,014	(9,149)	4,500	43,515
Restricted Funds					
Young Peoples Group	4,364	2,686	(2,282)	0	4,768
Missionary Fund	5,167	10,895	(12,991)	1,239	4,310
Brigades	4,017	1,656	(1,763)	0	3,910
Other	4,155	2,024	(2,353)	0	3,826
Parents & Toddlers	2,447	663	(279)	0	2,831
Sunday Club	2,060	1,051	(801)	0	2,310
Property Fund	7,848	23,730	(31,400)	0	178
WBS	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30,058	42,705	(51,869)	1,239	22,133

b) Donations & Grants by Recipient

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Last</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Year</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Mark & Emma Handley (OM)	0	0	7,800	7,800	7,700
Graham & Natasha Dancy (AIS)	0	0	5,100	5,100	5,030
Centre Samuel (JEM Mali)	0	2,765	900	3,665	0
Other	0	0	909	909	200
Open Doors	0	0	345	345	418
Woodside Bereavement Service	0	289	0	289	0
Paul & Jean Dancy	0	0	270	270	490
Practical Fellowship	0	0	50	50	0
David & Nanna Lukama (Glo)	0	0	0	0	2,341
BMS	0	0	0	0	472
Total	0	3,054	15,374	18,428	16,651

11. Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woodside Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 13 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr P Bradbury
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Date 23rd October 2023